

pose of securing such order or decree as will enable said board to continue such proceedings looking toward condemnation, and such court is hereby authorized to make such decrees and orders in such pending suit as may be necessary for that purpose.”

34 Stat. 160.
D. C. Code § 5-614.

Penalties.

SEC. 6. Section 14 of said Act, as amended, is hereby repealed.

20 Stat. 131.
D. C. Code § 1-228.

24 Stat. 368.
D. C. Code §§ 1-224,
1-225.

27 Stat. 394.
D. C. Code § 1-226.

SEC. 7. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to prescribe reasonable penalties of fine not to exceed \$300 or imprisonments not to exceed ten days, in lieu of or in addition to any fine, for the violation of any building regulation promulgated under authority of the Act of Congress entitled “An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District to make and enforce regulations relative to the sale of coal, and also building regulations”, approved June 14, 1878, and any regulation promulgated under authority of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make police regulations for the government of said District”, approved January 26, 1887, and any regulation promulgated under authority of section 2 of the joint resolution entitled “Joint resolution to regulate licenses to proprietors of theaters in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes”, approved February 26, 1892.

Approved, December 17, 1942.

[CHAPTER 763]

AN ACT

December 17, 1942
[S. 2852]
[Public Law 811]

To authorize the President to confer decorations and medals upon units of, or persons serving with, the military forces of cobelligerent nations.

Military decorations for cobelligerents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, For the duration of the present war and six months thereafter the President is authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by him, to confer such decorations and medals as may be authorized in the military service of the United States upon units of, or upon any person serving in any capacity with, the military forces of the countries now, or which may hereafter be, engaged with the United States in the present war.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, December 17, 1942.

[CHAPTER 764]

AN ACT

December 18, 1942
[S. 357]
[Public Law 812]

To provide for the establishment and operation of a research laboratory in the Pennsylvania anthracite region for investigation of the mining, preparation and utilization of the mining, preparation and utilization of anthracite, for the development of new uses and markets, for improvement of health and safety in mining; and for a comprehensive study of the region to aid in the solution of its economic problems and to make its natural and human resources of maximum usefulness in the war effort.

Research laboratory in Pennsylvania anthracite region.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is authorized and directed to establish, equip, and maintain a research laboratory in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania to conduct researches and investigations on the mining, preparation, and utilization of anthracite coal and to develop new scientific, chemical, and

technical uses and new and extended markets and outlets for anthracite coal and its products. Such laboratory shall be planned as a center for information and assistance in matters pertaining to conserving resources for national defense; to the more efficient mining, preparation, and utilization of anthracite coal; and pertaining to safety, health, and sanitation in mining operations and other matters relating to problems of the anthracite industry.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Act the Secretary, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is authorized to acquire land and interests therein, and to accept in the name of the United States donations of any property, real or personal, and to utilize voluntary or uncompensated services at such laboratory. The Secretary is authorized and directed to cooperate with other departments or agencies of the Federal Government, States, and State agencies and institutions, counties, municipalities, business or other organizations, corporations, associations, universities, scientific societies, and individuals, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

SEC. 3. The Secretary, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, shall make a report to Congress at the beginning of each regular session of the activities of, expenditures by, and donations to, the laboratory established under this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, may, in his discretion, create and establish an advisory committee composed of not more than six members to exercise consultative functions, when required by the Secretary, in connection with the administration of this Act. The said committee shall be composed of representatives of anthracite coal-mine owners, of representatives of anthracite coal-mine workers and the public in equal number. The members of said committee shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior without regard to the civil-service laws.

SEC. 5. In order to carry out the purposes of this Act there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of (a) \$450,000 for the erection and equipment of a building or buildings, including plumbing, lighting, heating, general service, and experimental equipment and apparatus, the necessary roads, walks, and ground improvement, and land for the site of the building if no land is donated; and (b) \$175,000 annually for the maintenance and operation of the experimental station, including personal services, supplies, equipment, and expenses of travel and subsistence.

Approved, December 18, 1942.

[CHAPTER 765]

AN ACT

To amend sections 1305 and 1306 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, to eliminate the prohibition against payment of deposits, and interest thereon, of enlisted men until final discharge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence of section 1305, Revised Statutes, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, further amended to read as follows: "Any amount heretofore or hereafter so deposited shall be held during such period of his service as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War; shall be accounted for in the same manner as other public funds; shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States and kept as a separate fund, known as pay of the Army deposit fund, repayment of which to the enlisted man, or to his heirs or representatives, shall be made

Purpose.

Acquisition of property.

Voluntary services.

Cooperation with other agencies, etc.

Report to Congress.

Advisory committee.

Appropriations authorized.

December 18, 1942

[S. 2353]

[Public Law 813]

Army.
Savings deposits of
enlisted men.
10 U. S. C. § 906.

Repayment.